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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 253

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 25, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The Juvenile Justice Act is a major reform of the current juvenile code. The intent is to organizationally realign a portion of juvenile services under the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation to begin to fill gaps in the current Juvenile Justice System that result in families without access to services they need. By using the skills of the court's probation staff to manage cases, juveniles and families will have a better opportunity to be provided the following: beneficial affordable community based treatment alternatives; an array of alternatives to expensive highly restrictive detention and incentives to keep youth in the home rather than out of home placement.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Brad Ashford